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Native Murderer Has Been the Longest Inmate of Oahu Prison---Once Crazy Is Again Sane.

The oldest prisoner in Oahu Prison is a woman. This is Pulolo 8 the kahuna who is serving sentence for the murder of a number of Lanai people in a most atrocious manner. Though the oldest prisoner in length of service, she is not by any means, the oldest as respects age. There are a number of those incarcerated in Oahu Jail whose years of life exceed those of the woman prisoner. She is now only about forty years of age and has been in prison for ten years. But she still has sixty more years to serve, so there is a good chance of her taking the record both for age and length of service if she is not pardoned beforehand.

There is small hope of her getting a pardon, for Pulolo's crime | 8 was one of the most atrocious in the history of the islands. She was probably one of the first kahunas made to answer for her crime, but Warden Henry says that she has long since abandoned her heathenish practices.

ONCE BECAME INSANE.

Pulolo is serving a seventy years sentence for the murder of her husband, her six year old nephew and her sister. In addition she almost killed another brother because he did not believe in her supernatural powers. At the time it was said that the woman, (she was less than thirty years then), was not insane, and that her desire to get rid of her husband and marry someone else was responsible for the crime.

Since then however, she has exhibited indications of insanity, and about two years ago was sent to the Insane Asylum. The woman seemed to have an overwhelming fondness for the Holy Bible. Warden Henry says she would sit by the hour reading the book or staring at its pages, for it made no difference apparently, whether the types were right side up or not. Even at night she kept the book in front of her and became frantic when it was taken away. Finally a little before Christmas in 1901, Pulolo was sent to the Insane Asylum. Just a few weeks ago she was returned to the prison fully recovered.

"Pulolo is a good prisoner," said Mr. Henry yesterday. "She does not give us the slightest trouble. She is a good needlewoman and spends most of her time in sewing. I should judge that she is about forty years of age.

"She first came here June 18, 1892 and is our oldest prisoner KICKS AGAINST in point of service."

THE STORY OF THE CRIME.

The story of the crime of Pulolo is probably more interesting than that of any of the prisoners in Oahu Jail. The older residents of Honolulu probably remember it well, for it was not a story easily forgotten. This account is taken from the files of the Advertiser in which was contained the record of her trial held before the late Judge

"On Thursday February 11th, the woman, Pulolo, who claimed to be a kahuna, and to have at her command a spirit named Kiilikina had two of her soldiers, Keliikini and Kakaio, seize her husband and hold him while she beat him cruelly, and cut his feet with broken bottles till he could not walk. Not satisfied with this, she commenced punishing a little boy six years old, the son of her eldest brother Kalu.

BROTHER WAS SKEPTICAL.

"Another brother, Hoopii, being skeptical as to her supernatural powers, at her comand was seized and held by some of her attendants, while this most inhuman wretch burned him horribly with torches, ignited from a large fire in a near by dwelling. While in the witness-box, Hoopii brought tears to the eyes of some of the audience, and caused execrations to come from the lips of others, by exhibiting the fearful scars received during this fiendish torturing. At this time he was so exhausted by the pain and punishment that he could scarcely move, only groan with agony.

CALLED A VAMPIRE.

"Her vampire instincts remaining still unquenched, she took the boy in hand again, and buffeted him about until he bled profusely at the nose and mouth, while his father and others stood by and silently witnessed this new act of cruelty. The poor stripling cried to his parent again and again for help but the poor superstitious creature did not dare (or perhaps wish), to move hand or foot or succor his tortured offspring.

"This brutal sorceress finally put an end to his suffering by sitting on his head till it bent to his waist, like a broken reed, and life was extinct."

SUFFOCATED HER SISTER.

"Her next victim was her sister whom she suffocated with the sweet, pure and wholesome. Remember Theo. H. Davies & Co. assistance of Kaholokai, by thrusting her head into hot sand. After this the dead body of her sister was placed upon the matting beside the boy's. She then ordered her setellites to seize her late assistant, Kaholokai, and they held him fast while she beat him to death.

"During the night, the house, which at this time much resembled a morgue, caught fire, but was saved from destruction by the men near at hand. Early the next morning, a council of war was held to decide how best to cover up the dark deeds of the night. Her instructions to her tools were to say, when interrogated, that the boy's death resulted from sickness; her sister died in a fit, and that the man Kaholokai lost his life in the fire which attacked the house on the night before.

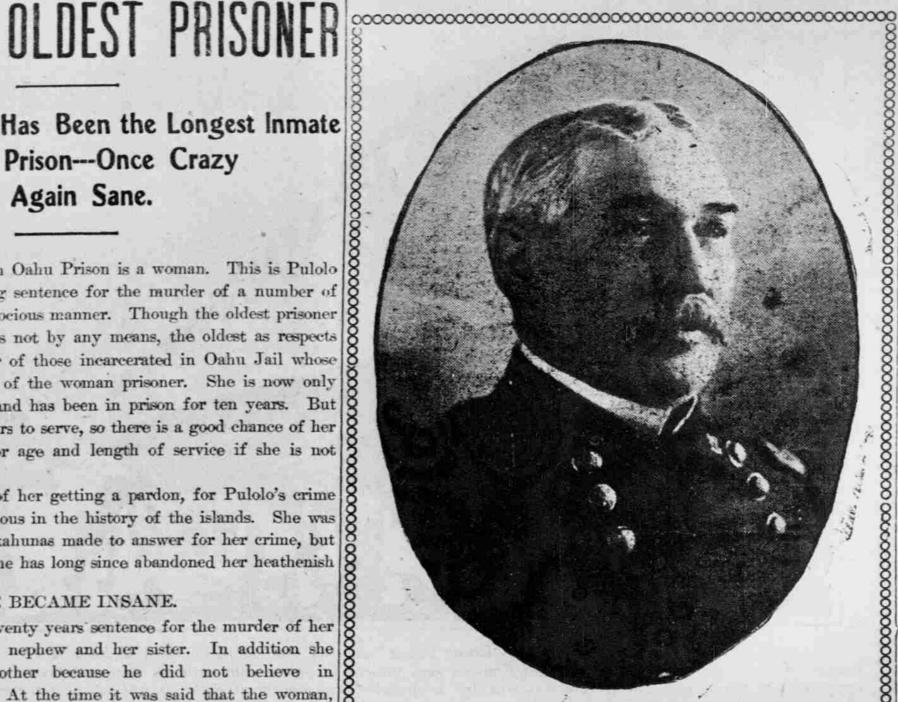
TRIED TO HIDE CRIME.

"The next move in this frightful tragedy after removing the bodies of the boy and the woman, was to cremate Kaholokai's corpse by burning the house with all its effects, thus hoping to give an appearance of accidental conflagration. The two other bodies were afterwards burned. After the destruction of the dwelling and the bodies, the murderess and her retinue spent the night at a neighbor's house some distance away.

"The jury on Friday the 10th inst. brought in a unanimous verdict of murder in the second degree against Pulolo and four of the men, for the murder of the boy.

"As to the motive for these unprecedented crimes, it is difficult to conjecture. The reason given out generally among Hawaiians is this: That Pulolo and her brother-in-law, one of her willing tools, wished to marry and in order to consummate their purpose it was

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necessary to put the husband of one and the wife of the other cut of the way. The other horrible acts were perpetrated to conceal their real intention. The intensity of popular feeling among the natives is not directed against kahunaism as a practice, but against this impostor per cent. who has falsely claimed the powers of a Hawaiian magician."

Pulolo was sentenced to twenty years for one murder and for fifty years for the other, so that she still has sixty years to serve. But she believes that is even better than being sentenced to prison for life. It was reported that the natives all deserted the scene of the horrible crime at the time. None of the other men arrested with the murder- monthly of part principal and interest. In addition, the directors and maness are in prison. One is said to be an inmate of the hospital here ager's large Reserve Fund or Permawhile the others are either dead or have served out their prison nent Capital guarantees besides their

SAMOAN OFFICIAL

OMAHA (Neb.) July 31.-Dr. F. E. Brancht of the Rush Medical College in Chicago, in a letter to Senator Millard makes complaint respecting the administration of the United States naval coaling station in the Samoan islands and requests that his complaint be forwarded to the proper authorities at Washington.

For eight years Brancht has been in charge of a sanitarium at Apia, in the German part of the islands. He says he is not going to return to the island, but makes complaint because he with other Americans is tired of being jeered at by foreigners who point at the naval administration with contempt He prefers several charges against G. H. Curr, secretary of the naval Governor and secretary of native affairs. This man, he says, besides being unfit to occupy office, is a New Zealander, and has no right to sit as a magis-

trate in the trial of American citizens. It is further set forth in the complaint that natives are required to pay taxes in dried-cocoanuts. In one case a village having no cocoanuts tendered the money through its tutor, and he was imprisoned by Curr until the village purchased and gave cocoanuts in payment of its taxes to secure his

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